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**VIA HAND-DELIVERY**

Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Docket No. 2005-215-E; Request for approval of Electric Service Contract between South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) and Columbia Energy, LLC

Dear Mr. Terreni:

This is to acknowledge that the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) has reviewed the above referenced filing and has no objection to the proposed electric service contract between SCE&G and Columbia Energy LLC. The Columbia Energy facility is located in Gaston, South Carolina and provides steam to a local industry as well as electric power into the wholesale market.

The Columbia Energy facility supplies electric power into the competitive wholesale market and due to the nature of this business this facility presents unique load requirement characteristics for SCE&G to serve. The wholesale power market is very competitive resulting in the commercial sensitivity and proprietary nature of certain contract provisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Flitter

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